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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
SAKO, Takashi et al
Int'l Application No. PCT/US98/15852
Filed in the RO/US on 30 July 1998
Entitled: Hair Conditioning Composition Comprising
Carboxylic Acid/Carboxylate Copolymer And
Amphoteric Conditioning Agent

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:


Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- * In Claim 9 please replace the phrase "any of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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